

SENATE BILL 3897
By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated,
Titles 2, 4, 8, 10, 36, 38, 39, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 65,
66, 67 and 70, relative to public safety, law
enforcement, driver licenses and titling and
registration.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-7-102 is amended by adding the
following as a new subsection (c):

(c) Each member employed after July 1, 2006 shall:

- (1) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (2) Be a citizen of the United States;
- (3) Be a high school graduate or possess its equivalency which shall
include a general educational development (GED) certificate;
- (4) Not have been convicted of or pleaded guilty to or entered a plea of
nolo contendere to any felony charge or to any violation of any federal
or state laws or city ordinances relating to force, violence, theft,
dishonesty, gambling, liquor or controlled substances;
- (5) Not have been released or discharged under any other than honorable
discharge from any of the armed forces of the United States;
- (6) Have such person's fingerprints on file with the Tennessee bureau of
investigation;
- (7) Have passed a physical examination by a licensed physician;

- (8) Have a good moral character as determined by a thorough investigation conducted by the employing agency; and
- (9) Be free of all apparent mental disorders as described in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Third Edition (DSM-III) of the American Psychiatric Association. An applicant must be certified as meeting these criteria by a qualified professional in the psychiatric or psychological field.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.